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Nationally-Recognized Louisiana Technology Innovation Fund Releases Annual Report

Baton Rouge – This week the Louisiana Technology Innovation Council released the Louisiana Technology Innovation Fund 2000 Annual Report to the Legislature. The report highlights the hundreds of exciting technology innovations taking place in the state.

The Louisiana Technology Innovation Fund has received notable national recognition from Civic.com and Converge magazines. Civic.com in its March 2000 issue reported that "Louisiana is one of only a handful of states to invest in IT projects within state agencies...As Louisiana moves forward with the technology investment fund, other states might soon follow its lead."

Governor Mike Foster is enthusiastic about the progress Louisiana is making in this area. "This is great news for Louisiana," said Governor Foster. "Not only are we no longer at the bottom of the list in technology investments, Louisiana is now nationally-recognized as a leading technology state. The Louisiana Technology Innovation Fund has been tremendously successful at helping us make government more efficient and the lives of our citizens easier."

Council Chairman Don J. Hutchinson presented the 2000 Annual Report to the Legislature in accordance with Act 481 of the 1997 Regular Legislative Session. The act created the Louisiana Technology Innovation Fund to be an incentive to accelerate the implementation of electronic government and to encourage state agencies to pursue innovative and creative approaches using technology.

The use of such technology will enable state agencies to deliver services to citizens more cost efficiently and effectively. To date, the fund has provided resources to 12 of the 42 applications submitted by state entities.

The report highlights noteworthy accomplishments of the past year and includes an executive summary and progress report for the funded projects. A copy of the report will be placed on the *Info Louisiana* Web site for easy access by the public. The site's address is www.state.la.us/ltif.

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